A ſhort Relation of ſome words and expreſſions that were ſpoken by Barbara Scaife *in time of her Sickneſs, a little before ſhe departed this life: She was betwixt fifteen and ſixteen years of age, Daughter to* William *and* Iſſabel Scaife *of the* Blackſike *near* Appleby, *in the County of* Weſtmerland: *In profeſſion of the Principles of Light and Life in Chriſt Jeſus. Which thoſe People commonly called* Quakers *do bear Teſtimony to, and had fellowſhip with, from their Child-hood, and had a Care upon them to bring up their Children in the fear of the Lord, and in the knowledge of that Truth which they had believed in: and which their Children were in their tender age truly acquainted with.*

THe following expreſſions were delivered from the ſaid *Barbara* in the preſence of divers perſons her Parents alſo being with her for the moſt part, during the time they were ſpoken by her.

And are given forth in honour to that Truth whereof none need be aſhamed, but for the Bleſſing ſake that accompanies the ſame, may be encouraged to take their part therein, (whereunto alſo the aforeſaid Damſel upon her dying bed hath teſtifyed) and may be of ſervice to all young people to love and fear the Lord, in the dayes of their youth, that their lives may be comfortable to them, and their latter end peace, and their Memorial bleſſed for ever.

The thirtith day of the first Month, 1666 was the (CR. 128) said *Barbara* taken with sickness, and her Sister *Mary* also, both of them beginning therewith in one and the same hour. The distemper proved to be the small Pox, *Barbara* the first week of her distemper was sorely loaden therewith, but bore her exercise very quietly.

The first of her words as relating to her inward state betwixt the Lord and her own soul that were taken notice of. She delivered on this wise: *Mother* (said she) *suffer but few of those People that come to see us to stay in the Parlour, but when they have seen us: desire them to go into the house, for we have no need of such empty talk, as is used amongst too many we would be quiet that we may pray to the Lord to forgive us the faults we have committed, and if he spare us our life at this time I hope and do believe we shall amend and have a care of displeasing the Lord while we live:* After which words she spake very little for four dayes time.

[illegible]d about the seaventh day of her sickness and the sixt of the second Month: She asked where her father was, her Mother told her he was at the Plough, she said *Let some call him in: for I believe I must leave this world shortly:* And after a little time, she begun to pray to the Lord with a very clear voice in a Miraculous Manner, saying. *O Almighty God I cry unto thee, and beseech thee blot out all my Transgressions. O Lord and all my sins. O let them come no more into thy remembrance. I beg it of thee in the name of Christ Jesus with all my Soul, and with all my strength; and let thy favourable countenance be upon me:* Thus she prayed in a wonderful heavenly frame, desiring the Lord also to make her passage sweet unto her by his consolating spirit, and that he would satisfie and enable her Parents so to bear it: as that they might not offend the Lord, and that he he would confirm and strengthen her weak Sister to give up her

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her ſelf freely, as ſhe bleſſed God ſhe her ſelf had done. She prayed to the Lord to give her a Manſion place in his favourable preſence: and that no more might be laid upon her Parents then what with Patience they might be enabled to bear.

She continued her ſupplications to the Lord for about three quarters of an hour, to the admiration of thoſe that were preſent with her: and ſeveral being there that did not profeſs the Light and Truth: which ſhe teſtifyed to, and dyed in, were broken into tenderneſs to the ſhedding of many tears, and ſaid *how can any dye better then ſhe is like to do.* The ſaid *Barbara* called her Brother to her bedſide, and ſhe faſtning her eyes upon him ſaid, *Brother* John, *be faithful to the Lord and thy Religion: and it may fall out that when thou art a Man, the wicked Perſecutors may hurry thee into Priſon for the Teſtimony ſake thou haſt to bear, be ſure thou do not regard that, but keep faithful to the Lord and he will deliver and be thy Reward.*

She exhorted her Parents not to trouble themſelves with too much of the worlds concerns. *But* (ſaid ſhe) *Let that go ſome which you have here (it being a Remote place) and go to live near ſome good Meeting:* Sedbergh *Meeting if you can: if my Siſter and I be both taken frm you: and take my Brother* John *with you and bring him well up I deſire you, and be all of you content:* And one that was not of the ſame profeſſion which her Parents and ſhe were of, being then preſent, asked her if ſhe could freely part with Father and Mother, Brother and other Relations. She anſwered ſaying, *I can freely part with and leave them all, for the enjoyment of that comfort and happineſs which my ſoul is made ſenſible of:*

She prayed again unto the Lord with praiſes alſo in her mouth unto him magnifying alſo the riches of his grace and

goodneſs, for the comfort ſhe had received from him, to her Immortal Soul: at another time, her Mother endeavouring to get her to take ſome meat. *I deſire thee* (ſaid ſhe) *do not trouble me with meat, for if you think thereby to keep me, it is all in vain, for I muſt die and leave you: Neither would I deſire to live for all the world: For to be with the Lord is better then ten thouſand worlds, with whom I ſhall reſt for evermore, even with God and his Saints, his faithful People and Servants, the Sons and Daughters of the upright, glory to his Name for evermore.*

At many times duriug her ſickneſs ſhe manifeſted unſpeakable love to her Father and Mother, and to her weak Siſter, touching whom ſhe ſaid to her Mother, *do not ſtay with me what ever may befal me, but go to her and abide with her, for I do deſire that too ſharpe ſickneſs may not fall on her, until ſhe know her peace with God.* She ſaid again: *Dear Mother do not ſorrow for me, and perſwade my Father not to weep for fear of offending the Lord: and leaſt I be longer kept from that Heavenly reſt which the Lord hath prepareed for me, with the redeemed of our God for ever*: Then her Brother coming to the Bed ſide, ſhe ſaid to him, John *be true to the Lord and love him with all thy heart and with all thy Soul, all thy life time: And love not the world nor the pleaſures thereof, for the enjoyments of this World are in compariſon nothing: they are ſcarce ſeen till they are gone: but that which is enjoyed with the Lord is for evermore, praiſes, praiſes, to his name ſaith my ſoul for ever.*

At another time ſhe told them, ſhe had only the River of her diſſolution to paſs through: her mother asked her if ſhe ſaw over it, ſhe ſaid ſhe did ſee over it, and that ſhe ſhould joyfully paſs it into the reſt, where all ſorrow & tears ſhould be wiped from her eyes for evermore glory and honour to our God for ever:

Theſe with many more living and comfortable expreſſions

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came from her. After which for ſome dayes her exerc
becoming more weighty upon her, and her weakneſs encre
ing, her voice became very low and weak, ſeveral times ſ
was heard to pray to the Lord, but none could take h
words to make them intelligable. In the time of all her Sic
neſs ſhe was very tender in her ſpirit and circumſpect, n
any uncomly frame of ſpirit appearing in her or unbecomin
word proceeding from her that we ſaw or heard, but ver
kind and pittyful ſhe was toward thoſe that were with he
in her Sickneſs, ſhe ſeemed not much concerned for her ow
extremity and pain, but rather concern'd for them that at
tended her, for the trouble they were put to in helping her

The twenty ſeventh day of the ſecond Month being come
ſhe being much like as ſhe had been for three weeks, but tha
her weakneſs had increaſed upon her, and being very chear
ful and able to expreſs her ſelf: ſhe ſaid to her Mother,
What thinkeſt thou of this forenoon: her Mother asked her
what ſhe meant: ſhe anſwered and ſaid *it will* [illegible]
*my time in this World: for the Lord will eaſe me ere long
take away all my pain, and wipe away all tears from mine
eyes. Call in my Father* ſaid ſhe, *that he may ſee my de
parture*: Her Father being come in, ſaid *Barbara* how doſt
thou (taking her by the hand) ſaid ſhe *I am ready to leave
this World, and therefore Father and Mother be content, and
bear me company a little while*: And about the firſt hour in
the afternoon ſhe departed this life, like as if ſhe had fallen
aſleep, about a Month after her Sickneſs begun with her.

In the time of her health ſhe was of a very bold and
chearful ſpirit: Yet tender kind and pittyful toward
all that any way ſtood in need: And what help ſhe
could reaſonably make them of her own accord ſhe
was ready to do it: She was very tender and kind to her
Parents on all accounts, alwayes careful not to give them

any occasion to be displeased with her that she could avoid: her life was lovely her latter end peace: and her Memorial lasts and lives with us everlasting praises to the Lord who worthy thereof for ever.

William & *Issabel* } *Scaise.*

MAry *Scaise* elder Sister to *Barbara* of whom in the forgoing Relation mention is Made to have been taken with Sicknes the very same hour that her Sister was: And concerning whom Her Sister *Barbara* had been very tenderly concern'd and exercised in her Spirit for her in Supplications to God to give her the knowledge of her peace that hath no end: and who lived but about two weeks after her Sister, her distemper also of the small Pox, was accompanied with a Feaver, so as that she got very little sleep for several dayes Which made her extremity the greater. But in the Lords time who keepeth Covenant and shewes mercy, and giveth the Spirit of Supplication and prayer to them that believe: opened her Mouth in a clear understanding: *And* (said she) *O great God Jehovah of Heaven and earth whose splendour filleth Heaven and thy Wonders filleth the earth: have mercy upon me thine handmaid. Who am as a Worm before thee, yet part of thy creation, Lord help my weak soul, revive my drooping Spirit, by thy consolating presence, strengthen my faith I beseech thee, and help me through this exercise, I pray thee O Lord. That thy Will may be done in earth as it is in Heaven.*: After this manner with many other tender expressions she continued in Prayer for about halfe an hour, but her Sister *Barbara* being very weak at that time,

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more of her words could not be ſo taken as to inſert them here in writing, But often ſhe prayed to the Lord to make her willing to give up her ſelf freely, if the Lord required it of her, She deſired the Lord that if there was any thing in her that did offend him, he would manifeſt it to her before her weakneſs became greater: Her Siſter *Barbara* who in Supplications to God had waited for the conſolation of her weak Siſter, was abundantly comforted, becauſe of the tender and comfortable frame her Siſter *Mary* was brought into, and praiſed God on her behalf with much refreſhing ſatisfaction upon her Spirit, as ſhe manifeſted amongſt ſuch as were preſent with her.

After that *Mary* often prayed to the Lord in a tender ſenſe upon her Spirit and in much fervency of Soul, as the living exerciſe ſhe ſhe was under did demonſtate, She had been much inclined from her youth to read the Scriptures. Being then about 18 years of age. And in her ſickneſs after the Lord opened her heart & mouth to ſhew forth his praiſe, ſhe often ſpoke of *Job* and *David*, and of Gods Love and goodneſs to them, and other of his ſervants in Ages paſt. *And now* ſaid ſhe, *I do know Gods Love to be the ſame to me as it was to them: So that* ſaid ſhe, *I am neither afraid nor unwilling to die, for God blotteth out my tranſgreſſions, and layeth nothing to my charge, and I do believe there is a place prepared for me in Heaven:*

And Dear Mother ſaid ſhe, *do what thou canſt not to ſorrow, my Love is great to thee, and my advice is, that you go to live near ſome good Meeting and bring up my Brother amongſt Friends.*

And her Siſter being dead ſhe ſpake of her own death alſo, and ſaid ſhe was well ſatisfied that her ſoul ſhould aſcend up to God in Heaven, *Where* ſaid ſhe, *I do believe my Siſter* Barbara's *ſoul is aſcended to reſt with the Lord for ever.*

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Then afterwards her Sickneſs encreaſed and weakneſs grew upon her, being attended with many violent Convulſion Fits, ſo that ſhe could not ſpeak to be underſtood, but ſometimes to ſay *John* to her Bother: but very low and weakly ſorabout two dayes before her departure: Her Sickneſs continued upon her ſix weeks and three dayes and ſhe departed this life, the 18th. of the 3d. Month, 1686.

In her Life time ſhe was very obedient & reſpective to her Parents from whom ſhe ſaid ſhe was not inclined to go for preferment, but would be content with the like condition as was alotted them. She was alſo very careful of her Brothers good, of a ſober behaviour from her Childhood, all her dayes loved the Truth and ſuch as feared the Lord her latter end was comfortable and ſatisfactory to her; of great refreſhment to her Parents, for which an ingagement lives with them ever to ſubmit to God, and Praiſe his Name who is Worthy for ever.

William and *Iſſabel* } *Scaife*

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